

Operations Record of No. 550 Squadron

Month	Raids Flown	Sorties Flown	Operational Hours Flown		Tons of Bombs Dropped	Aircraft Missing	Aircraft Crashed	Notes
			Night	Day				
1943 November	1	8	68	-	30	1	-	
December	6	80	475	-	268	2	2	Two aircraft collided soon after takeoff - all killed
1944 January	8	89	617	-	335	4	1	Crashed near Spalding - all killed
February	5	64	452	-	278	4	-	
March	7	112	614	-	529	4	-	
April	10	146	774	-	713	2	1	Ditched on a training flight - all crew rescued
May	12	151	622	-	900	6	1	Crash landed at Ford after three crew baled out
June	15	255	780	224	1,200	4	1	Crashed near Tunbridge Wells - crew baled out
July	16	236	871	422	976	5	2	One crashed on take-off, other crashed Norfolk pilot killed
August	20	259	592	741	1,592	3	3	1 ditched - all rescued, 1 crash landed, 1 crashed - all killed
September	14	238	300	594	1,154	-	-	Third ('C') flight formed early September
October	15	313	922	648	1,658	3	1	Crashed on night cross-country - all killed
November	10	263	966	516	1,426	2	-	7th November - 12 crews posted to 150 Squadron
December	13	242	1,419	158	1,242	1	-	
1945 January	6	164	1,128	-	861	2	-	North Killingholme suffered three periods of snow and fog
February	11	275	1,686	61	1,115	4	1	Collided with a 200 Sqn aircraft - all killed
March	17	321	938	969	1,509	7	1	On night training was shot down by German intruder - six crew killed
April	8	195	743	709	793	1	-	
TOTALS	194	3,411	13,967	5,042	16,579	55	14	
Post War Flying								
May	Mainly Operation 'Manna'		699	-	-	-	-	Canadians and Australians posted 25 May
June			500	207	-	-	-	
July			784	141	-	-	-	
August			122	23	-	-	-	
September	Operation 'Dodge'		73	40	-	1	-	Missing returning from Bari: 6 crew + 20 passengers lost
October			457	51	-	-	1	Crashed on take-off Pumigliano - 2 passengers killed